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July 13th RIDE

The ride didn't go exactly as planned as the Pre-ride. Bill was still the "Lead", Jeff was the "Pack" and I was the "Sweep". We took a vote and decided that since we all had just completed the original Pre-ride to Barstow/Victorville, that we would Pre-ride a slightly different path instead. We decided to keep some parts of the original. As it turns out about the only part we kept was the California Route 66 Museum in Victorville.

We left the Post a bit after 9:00 as planned, even waited a few extra minutes for stragglers, and headed towards Victorville. The first change that we made was to stop at the H-D Shop just off 7th Street. The next deviation

was lunch at Johnny Reb's. A fun stop with a Southern theme to it. Good food.....fun atmosphere, interesting architecture.

Then we went to the California Route 66 Museum. I found even more things to see the 2nd time around. Picked up a real nice Route 66 Beer Glass and wondered around for a short while taking in all the displays.

From there we took as much frontage/service road as possible along the I-15 South to the 138 towards Palmdale. We took the first left (I forget the name of the road) that headed up to Wrightwood. A very scenic route with a few twists. It was going very well until we neared the summit and the clouds started leaking at a terrific rate. From that point, we got to test our "hazardous road" riding skills. A few minor adjustments for visual acuity and we kept going without a hitch. A few strikes of lightning and I was hoping my "credit" was good with the "Big Guy" upstairs seeing as I had a 7 foot "Lightning Rod" on the back of my bike. There were rivers of water running across the road in a number of places, practically most of the way. (the roadway makes a great aqueduct) There was a mudslide that we successfully negotiated as well. So much for clean bikes.... As we travelled down towards the valley the heat returned and the sky dried up. That's when we could "field test" our new "Evaporative Cooling System". We still need to workout the problems with "visual acuity" though.

We took various back roads to get to the Post. Along the way, near that "Gas Station" you see in commercials and various movies, etc., around O3 and 145th St. East, there was a film crew wrapping things up it appeared. We figured that there were no big stars around seeing as how there was no CHP blocking the roads as they do. We made our way back to the Post and we were almost dry on the outside, but were more than dry on the inside and stopped for some refreshment and a "Debrief" of the ride. All in all a very good ride. A lot of "Skill-Boxes" successfully checked off the list. Hot, dry, hot, wet, cold, wet, muddy, wet, dry, hot. Great fun!!! I look forward to doing the ride again, this time WITHOUT the use of the "Evaporative Cooling System"!!!

If you get caught in the rain.....does it count as a shower??

Brian Hookland
ALR Chapter 311
Vice President



Who's Stupid Idea was it to go to Barstow in July?

Oh yeah, it was mine. The pre ride to Barstow, route 66 on July 5th went very well. We had five bikes and seven riders. But it was HOT! An all day ride in the heat. It was a good ride but it was good to get home. The chapter ride on July 13th was a bit different. Only three riders showed up and we all were on the pre ride. I said, "Lets not do the same ride again. Lets just go somewhere cooler". Brian Hookland said, he still wanted to go to the Victorville route 66 museum, he had his eye on a beer glass he wanted to buy. Bill Engel came up with a plan. We headed out for Victorville. Bill, leader of the pack. Brian, sweep (he seems to like it back there) and me as "The pack" it was a very nice morning. It had rained in the Victorville area the night before that made it cooler. We stopped at the Harley dealer and then lunch at Johnny Rebs. I said this would be a good place to take the riders on a chapter ride. Brian said, this is a chapter ride. Oh yeah! Then off to the museum, Brian got his glass. Bill lead us south along the I-15 on the frontage road, on to the 138 then left towards Wrightwood. It was a great ride, nice and cool. AND THEN THE RAIN CAME! Not just a sprinkle, rain. Bill stopped us to see if we wanted to put on rain gear. We didn't but I thought it would be a good idea to take off my sun glasses. Not a good idea, it felt like BB's bouncing off my eyes so I stopped again to put on goggles. Not a good idea, the goggles fogged up. Stopped again to clear them, didn't help. Stopped again and put my sun glasses back on. This worked for a few miles, fogged up, stopped again and took them off. It was a good thing I did cause the road was flooding with rocks and mud. We had to ride very slow to get threw it all. We slipped a bit but we got passed it all. The rain cleared as we got back to flat ground. We were soaked. When we got back to the 138 we stopped to clear our windshields and talk a bit. Bill lead us to an old movie set. Out in the middle of nowhere. A 40's style restaurant, hotel and two pump gas station combo. There was a film crew there filming down the road about 100 yards. So we stopped to look around and talk about all the filming we have seen around the valley over the years. After that we headed back to the post for a drink and a ride debrief. Even with the rain, rocks, mud and slick roads I would have to say this was one of the best rides I've been on in a long time. I think Bill and Brian might think the same way. Come on... LETS RIDE!!!

Jeff Fawks
ALR Chapter 311
Sgt at Arms



OFFICER'S REPORT:



**President;
Larry Miller**

Hello All,

Well these past few months went by real fast. Sad to see such a low participation in the ranks of our riders, your officers keep trying to give you more rides and new places to go. We take time out of our busy life so we can have some fun with our riders in our post. So come on out and lets ride and have fun try to make it on some of these rides. You know you're going to have fun feeling the wind on your face going to new places, seeing things and talking to other riders in our group.

It's time to think about to re-up once again in our post and riders group. Don't forget to sign up so you can get your early bird dinner at the post and since you're re-upping in the post just as will to re-up again in the riders group. This way you can ride with other Veterans, Auxiliary and Son of the Legion of this post. We are not done riding yet we still have more rides to do more new places to visit. This weekend some of us are going to the 6th Annual West Coast Rally we wish that all of you were able to join us in this party. Lots of fun will be happening and we are going to try to take in all in. Hopefully we can get more of you to join us next year, right?

We have more things to do before this year is over we have the "4th Annual Veterans Poker Run" coming up and we are looking for volunteers to give us

a helping hand. Call me or e-mail me if you would like to volunteer. This month on the 27th in Rosamond we have the 32nd Annual William Ketchum Memorial Armed Forces Appreciation Day Parade the theme is “Three Cheers for the Red White and Blue” parade line up is at 8:30 am parade start time is at 10am and Awards Presentation will be at Rosamond Park at 12:30 pm hope to see most of you at this parade. Coming up next month we have a few that are going to Cambria on October 31 through November 2nd for the weekend Joe Lovrich will be leading this ride so if you can make it come join us on this beach ride. This one you can also drive if you like. Just remember this is a riders group. Check it out www.cambriapineslodge.com this is going to be fun and relaxing.

**RIDE WITH PRIDE
STAY ALERT / STAY ALIVE**

P.O.W. / M.I.A. WE WILL NEVER FORGET ~ BRING THEM HOME

A.L.R. President Larry Miller “Army”



**Vice President;
Brian Hookland**

As I see Things.....

Remember:

‘Young’ Riders pick a destination and go.....‘Old’ Riders pick a direction and go.

Just as I see things.....

Brian Hookland
ALR Chapter 311
Vice President



**Secretary;
Kathy Miller**

Chapter Minutes;

American Legion Riders
Chapter 311
July 10, 2008

7 members and one guest, Clifton Mitchell. He was voted in as a member.

Chaplin Kathy Miller said the prayer.

We had a moment of silence for our POWs and MIAs

Sgt at Arms led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Sec. Kathy Miller read the minutes for our June meeting and they were approved as read.

Larry- The newsletter is out now.

Bill has some rides coming up

Debbie has some information about the Post 311 bike show

There will be about 5 different classes, Becky has the details. We will need 3 to 5 judges to judge the bikes. It would be great if the Riders could help out.

It will be \$5 to enter the event and \$20 to enter for the bike show.

Vender booths are available there are about 15 venders now. Becky is in charge of the venders and looking for someone to be in charge of the bike show.

Larry will talk to Becky about the bike show.

Brain said he will ask Mike from MGS Customs if he could be a judge.

Larry- We have a fair parade on Aug 23, the theme is peaches and screams. Peaches, leaves and a roller coaster. Bring your bikes out and have fun. We will bring our trailer w/ roller coaster the entry is \$40. It was voted and approved to enter the fair parade.

The ALR Rally is Sept 12-14

The poker run is guided, most meals are included, t-shirt, and patch for \$55. 348 will be going.

We have another parade on Sept 27 we can vote on later.

We had a brother go down and he is on the mend. Mark shanks Debbie said he will be wearing a neck brace for 5 months and can't work for 6 months.

He is a little depressed, his bike is trashed.

Larry- let's get him a card.

Bill- We voted on a ride to the route 66 museums and Peggy Sue's, the ride was approved. He also mentioned perhaps we could add a lunch ride or dinner ride sometime.

Debbie- we will not have the batting cage at the fair this year.

Debbie- Codes have changed and our kitchen at the post will not be legal anymore. We need to raise about \$200,000 to build a new kitchen on to the post.

Next months Legion meeting will have an open discussion about what to do.

Larry- I will send out an email to remind everyone about the meeting.

Debbie- we have put together a fund raising committee, I have the proposed plan. The plan was explained.

Larry asked for a copy

And said let's table it for now, review it and vote later.

Larry said we will not be on the ride this Sunday, because we will be at a memorial service.

Any rides, runs, anything, send an email to pt them in the newsletter,

Chaplin led the closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned.

American Legion Rider's
Meeting Aug 14, 2008

9 members, 1 guest

Chaplin Kathy Miller said the opening prayer

We had a moment of silence for our POW's and MIA's

Brian Hookland led the pledge of allegiance

Sec. Kathy Miller read the minutes from July's meeting, they were approved as read.

Chaplin Kathy miller passed a get well card around for Mark.

Old Business;

We are waiting to get signatures on the checking account and then we will purchase the flag tops.

The post may have a flag for us.

President Larry Miller; The post bike show is Aug 16th. There will be horse shoes, tug a war; the categories for the bike show are vintage, best of show, most patriotic, and another one? The judging will be people's choice. We would like everyone to show up between 11am and noon.

Vice President Brian Hookland; nothing to report

Ride Coordinator Bill Engles; The Inka Kitchen ride will be on Sunday.

Sec. Kathy Miller; The Fair Parade theme is "Peaches and Screams"

The poster has peaches and a roller coaster on it. We will have peaches and a roller coaster with motorcycles on it on our float.

The post will go first and the riders will follow.

Debbie said the post will be decorating their float on Friday night.

Larry; It is important to stay with the theme.

Also I would like to purchase a fringed ALR flag. This flag would be flown with the other flags on the Post floats. I will check into the cost for the flag.

Debbie passed out an ALR budget report. She said if we have more than \$5000. we will need to file taxes. She said she would like to set service goals. We will discuss them at the board meeting and bring up to the members.

Bill; Perhaps we could recruit new members at the post bike show. Maybe put flyers at a membership booth and have a member sit at it.

The ride in Sept. on the 21st will leave at 9am and take 6 hours. going to the Rock store up to Ventura and back on the 126.

A motion was made, 2nd and the ride was approved.

The ALR rally is Sept. 12, 13, and 14.

Larry; If anyone wants to plan an overnight ride, let's do it.

Debbie has planned an overnight ride Oct 31 and Nov. 1st, in Cambria. It's at the Cambria Pines Lodge.

Larry said he'd like to ride to the Redwoods, Yosemite, and to Sacramento to visit the War Memorial.

Sgt at Arms; not present

Membership chairman; nothing to report.

Editor; If you have anything for the newsletter, get it to me, it will be printed in the newsletter (word for word).

Dan; The job fair for Vets, he will drop off a flyer.

Clifton; Has two sets of tickets for the 105th Harley anniversary.

Motion was made to move our monthly rides to the Sunday following our meeting. The motion was 2nd and approved.

Chaplin led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.



Treasury Report; Debbie Lovrich

Also if anyone has a question about the A.L.R. checking account, please contact me. I'll try to answer your question about the A.L.R. account.





**Road Coordinator;
Bill Engel**

This summer we had some good rides but the best is yet to come. In July, we had a Rt 66 run where we stopped at the Rt 66 museums in Victorville and Barstow and rode the strip of Rt 66 in between. In August, we had a great time at the Antelope Valley Fair Parade where we took home a second place trophy. Also in August, we had a lunch run to the INKA Restaurant in Palmdale to show our support to the owner who is the mother of Pfc. George Delgado. George was killed in action in Iraq in March of this year. It was a very heart warming experience and the food was great also.

September will be even better! Our ride this month is on Saturday, Sept 20 and we'll stop at the Rock Store in the hills above Malibu then ride alone the Pacific Coast Highway from Malibu to Ventura. We'll stop and have lunch at a "surprise location" along the PCH. It will be great to get out of the heat of the desert and feel the cool pacific breeze (you may even need a jacket!). You don't want to miss this!

Also in September, on the 27th we have been invited to the Rosemond Veterans' parade. Let's have a good turn out and try to take home a 1st place trophy on this one! Parades are always a lot of fun and I love waving to the little kids along the route who are always very excited to see our bikes.

Your suggestions for rides are always welcome. Do you prefer long rides or quick dinner runs? Please make your opinions known. We want to serve you.

LET'S RIDE!!!

Bill Engel
Run Coordinator.



**Editor;
Larry Miller**

Send your news to me. I would like to include your news, rides, stories, articles, items for sale, ect in our newsletter. Our next newsletter will be in November. Please get all of your information to me by the end of October. This gives me time to put all things in the **A.L.R. NEWS**.

“We ride in HONOR of those who have served...
We ride in HOPE for the safety of those who are serving...
We ride in MEMORY of those we have lost.”



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